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EDITORIALS

FEDERAL CHILDREN'S BUREAU PLAN OF MATERNITY AND INFANT CARE FOR WIVES AND INFANTS OF MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

California Medical Association Members Should Appreciate the Important Issues Involved.—War time is not a period favorable to expression of opinion that may be in opposition to pronouncements by governmental bureaus, since the publicity departments or spokesmen of agencies involved can always raise the cry, "Nothing must be done to impede all-out effort to win the war."

With that slogan all are in agreement, but it does not follow that those who use it are necessarily in the right when they resort to it in order to defend methods of action for which they are the special proponents. Particularly so when, if the objectives be acceptable, the slogan is used to discourage legitimate criticism of certain governmental methods of procedure.

The above statement is made because the position taken by the California Medical Association, in refusing to approve a schedule of fees for professional services to be rendered to pregnant wives of enlisted men, is quite apt to be misunderstood and misinterpreted, although the Association is in full accord with the desired objectives.

It is important that members of the California Medical Association promptly familiarize themselves with the facts relating to professional care of wives of enlisted men. Every member who may be consulted or called on to do obstetric or pediatric work for the group of prospective patients mentioned should take the time to at least scan the information contained in the comments which appeared in the June issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, on pages 314-317, at which time the Children's Bureau plan was brought to the official attention of the medical profession in California.

After the comments in the June number of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE have been read, understanding consideration may then be given to the official and other actions that have been taken since the editorial was written.

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